

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Thomas M. Hunter on 10/14/10.

The application has been amended as follows:

In **Claims 40 and 42**: in the preamble of the claim after "denitration system" delete [that includes a measuring device];

after "comprising" insert -- a measuring device -- in the body of the claim;
in the next line replace [receiving unit] with --receiver--;
in the next paragraph replace [storage unit] with --performance information database--;
in the next paragraph replace [determining unit] with -- CPU --.

In **Claims 41 and 43**: replace [determining unit] with -- CPU --.

In **Claim 44**:

after "comprising" insert -- a measuring device -- in the body of the claim;
replace [receiving unit] with --receiver--;
replace [storage unit] with --performance information database--;
replace [determining unit] with -- CPU --.

2. **Claims 23-44** are allowed. The new numbering of claims is 1 through 22.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: the Applicants amended the method claim to overcome all rejections established in the previous Office action, and with the present Examiner's amendment the apparatus claims correspond to the allowed method claims, which renders them allowable.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Yelena G. Gakh, Ph.D. whose telephone number is (571) 272-1257. The examiner can normally be reached on 9:30 am - 6:00 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Vickie Y. Kim can be reached on (571) 272-0579. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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